

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 – 18, inclusive (cancelled)

Claim 19 (withdrawn)

An epidermal positioning mechanism comprising;

a bandage structure having at least a first end and a second end;

a first elastic material coupled to the first end and a second elastic material coupled to the second end of the bandage structure;

a first anchoring structure coupled to at least a portion of the first elastic material; and a second anchoring structure coupled to at least a portion of the second elastic material.

Claim 20 (withdrawn)

The epidermal positioning mechanism of claim 19 wherein the first anchoring structure and the second anchoring structure each comprises an end piece coupled to the respective first and second elastic material at respective predetermined positions;

the end pieces including an adhesive material located thereon.

Claim 21 (withdrawn)

The epidermal positioning mechanism of claim 19 wherein the bandage structure includes at least one side having a medicinal material thereon.

Claim 22 (withdrawn)

The medicinal material of claim 21 comprising zinc chromate.

Claim 23 (withdrawn)

The medicinal material of claim 21 comprising zinc chromate impregnated in a hydrocolloid material.

Claim 24 (withdrawn)

The medicinal material of claim 21 comprising an alginate.

Claim 25 (withdrawn)

The alginate of claim 24 selected from the group consisting of calcium alginate and sodium alginate.

Claims 26 – 103, inclusive (cancelled)

Claims 104 - 114, inclusive (cancelled)

Claim 115 (previously presented)

An assembly for positioning the epidermis comprising:

a first end piece adapted to be anchored to the epidermis;
at least one elastic material coupled to the first end piece;
a second end piece adapted to be anchored to the epidermis;
said at least one elastic material being further coupled to said second end piece;
wherein said first end piece and said second end piece each respectively has at least one side including an adhesive material for securing said first end piece and said second end piece to the epidermis; and

wherein at least one of said first end piece and said second end piece is a lifting end piece having a first side including a plurality of slits located thereon, said plurality of slits having a predetermined shape, said predetermined shape of said plurality of slits being a U shape.

Claim 116 (previously presented)

The assembly of claim 115 wherein at least one of said first end piece and said second end piece is an anchoring mechanism.

Claim 117 (previously presented)

The assembly of claim 115 wherein said elastic material includes at least one side having a medicinal material thereon.